

MINNESOTA TWINS (0-0) AT KANSAS CITY ROYALS (0-0)

THURSDAY, MARCH 30, 2023 - 3:10 P.M. (CT) - TV: BALLY SPORTS NORTH / RADIO: TIBN, WCCO, THE WOLF, TWINSBEISBOL.COM

RHP Pablo López vs. RHP Zack Greinke

GAME 1

ROAD GAME 1

UPCOMING PROBABLE PITCHERS & BROADCAST SCHEDULE

Table with columns: Date, Opponent, Probable Pitchers, Time, Television, Radio / Spanish Radio. Rows for 3/31 (OFF DAY), 4/1 (at Kansas City), and 4/2 (at Kansas City).

SEASON AT A GLANCE

Table listing season statistics: Under Baldelli (since '19), Home Record, Road Record, Record in series, Record in home series, Record in road series, Series Openers, Series Finales, Rubber Games, Sweeps/Swept, March/April, May, June, July, August, September/October, Day Games, Night Games, vs. American League East, vs. American League Central, vs. American League West, vs. National League, Games vs. LH Starter, Games vs. RH Starter, Twins score first, Opponent scores first, Come-from-behind wins, Leading after 7/8 inn., Trailing after 7/8 inn., Tied after 7/8 inn., Extra-innings, 1-run games, Twins out-hit opp., Opp. out-hit Twins, Twins/Opp. have = hits, Run Differential, Twins get Quality Start, Twins starter goes 6+ IP, Most games over .500, Most games under .500, Longest win-streak, Longest losing-streak, When Twins score 4+, When Twins score 3-, Twins get 10+ hits, Days in First Place, Days in Second Place, Days in Third Place, Days in Fourth Place, Days in Fifth Place, Walk-Off WL, Shutouts/WL, Complete Games, Attendance High, Attendance Total, Attendance Average, Target Field Sellouts - 2023/All-Time.

THE TWINS: The Twins will open their 63rd season with three games in four days against Kansas City through the weekend...today marks the fifth time in Twins history (since 1961) that they have opened against the Royals (1969, '74, '02 & '17) and third time at Kauffman Stadium ('74 & '02)...two other times in their history, the Twins opened against Kansas City, but it was when they were the Athletics in 1962 & '66...following this series, the Twins will travel to Miami for a three-game series from March 3-5...following this trip, Minnesota will open its 14th season at Target Field with three against the Astros (April 6-9) and three against the White Sox (April 10-12).

SPRING CLEANING: The Twins completed their 33rd Spring Training in Fort Myers, FL on Tuesday with a record of 14-15-3...Max Kepler, Trevor Larnach and Jose Miranda tied for club lead in hits (13)...Miranda led in home runs (5)...Willi Castro, Kyle Farmer and Miranda tied for first in RBI (11)...Michael A. Taylor and Mark Contreras tied for team lead in games (17)...Tyler Mahle led the club in innings pitched (17.2), while Joe Ryan was the team leader in strikeouts (20)...additionally, the Twins drew 103,023 in total attendance, which included an unofficial game against the Dominican Republic's World Baseball Classic squad on March 9.

2022 IN THE REAR VIEW: The Twins finished the 2022 season with a record of 78-84 and in third place of the AL Central, 14.0 games back of the division-winning Cleveland Guardians...Minnesota began the season by going 27-16 through games of May 24, where they were a high-water mark of 11 games over .500...they spent a total of 108 days in first place but went 51-68 after games of May 24...the Twins used a club-record 62 players during the season and tied a club record by using 36 pitchers (also in 2017)...14 different pitchers made a start for the Twins with Dylan Bundy leading the staff at 29.

GRAND OPENING: The Twins opened last season vs. the Mariners at Target Field, losing by a score of 2-1 as Gio Urshela's solo home run marked the only scoring for Minnesota...the Twins are 27-35 all-time in season openers, 11-13 when opening at home and 16-22 when opening on the road...the Twins have lost their last two season openers and are seeking their first OD victory since a 10-5 win at Guaranteed Rate Field on July 24, 2020 against the White Sox.

Pablo López will become the Twins' 15th different Opening Day starter since 2005...he will be the second Venezuelan-born starter for the Twins in club history, joining Johan Santana (2006 & '07)...the last Twins starter to earn a road win on Opening Day was Brad Radke on March 31, 2003 at Detroit...in fact, Radke has the Twins' last two OD wins on the road for a starter (also 2001) since Frank Viola was the club's starter and winner on April 8, 1986 at Oakland. Today will mark López's first career Opening Day start, giving the Twins five starters in their opening rotation to have made an Opening Day start in their career (credit Elias): Sonny Gray (2014-15 for Oakland & '20 for Cincinnati), Joe Ryan (2022 for Minnesota), Tyler Mahle (2022 for Cincinnati) and Kenta Maeda (2021 for Minnesota)...the last time the Twins had five pitchers with an OD start on same roster was April 1988: Bert Blyleven, Steve Carlton, Charlie Lea, Joe Niekro and Frank Viola...last major league team to do so was last year's Colorado Rockies: Iy Blach, Jhoulys Chacin, Kyle Freeland, Chad Kuhl and Germán Márquez. The roster has six Puerto Rican born players: Willi Castro, Carlos Correa, Jorge López, Jose Miranda, Jovani Moran and Christian Vázquez...marks the first time the Twins have had as many PR players at one time.

ROC SOLID: Rocco Baldelli is entering his fifth season as the skipper, and enters with a career managerial record of 288-258 (.527)...he ranks sixth on the club's all-time managerial wins list, trailing Tom Kelly (1,140), Ron Gardenhire (1,068), Sam Mele (522), Gene Mauch (378) and Paul Molitor (305)...his .527 winning percentage is second best in club history among managers with at least 400 games, trailing only Sam Mele's .548 mark (522-431 from 1961-67). Rocco's staff includes: first base/catching coach Hank Conger (2nd season), quality control coach Nate Dammann (4th season), assistant bench coach/infield Tony Diaz (5th season w/ MIN), hitting coach Rudy Hernandez (28th season in MIN org), pitching coach Pete Maki (4th season), hitting coach David Popkins (2nd season), assistant pitching coach Luis Ramirez (2nd season at ML level), assistant hitting coach Derek Shomon (1st season at ML level), bullpen coach Colby Suggs (2nd season), bench coach Jayce Tingler (2nd season) and third base/outfield coach Tommy Watkins (14th season in MIN org).

ROYALTY CHECK: The Twins and Royals are playing the first of 13 meetings in 2023...they went 12-7 against Kansas City last season, going 4-5 at Kauffman Stadium and 8-2 at Target Field. The 12 wins were the Twins' most against any opponent last season...the last time they had as many wins against KC in one season was 2019, when they went 14-5. Twins outscored the Royals 85-59 last season...after starting the season 0-2, they won 12 of their final 17 against KC.

Twins batters hit .284 (180-for-633) with 31 doubles, three triples, 14 home runs, 65 walks and a .762 OPS vs. KC in 2022. Starting pitchers went 8-4, 2.55 ERA (98.2 IP, 28 ER) with 20 walks, 85 strikeouts and a .202 (73-for-361) BAA vs. KC in 2022. Carlos Correa is hitting .361 (39-for-108) with six doubles, six home runs, 16 RBI, 17 walks, a .448 on-base percentage and a 1.031 OPS in 29 games against the Royals since 2019...he enters today with a nine-game hitting streak against the Royals...Correa has hit safely in 13 of his last 14 games at Kauffman Stadium, hitting .385 (20-for-52) with a 1.008 OPS in that span. Jose Miranda is hitting .302 (13-for-43) with two doubles, two home runs, eight RBI, a .375 on-base percentage, a .488 slugging percentage and an .863 OPS in 12 career games vs. KC. Byron Buxton is hitting .309 (21-for-68) with seven doubles, three home runs, six RBI, 16 runs scored and a .904 OPS in his last 16 games against the Royals, reaching safely in all 16.

4-EVER MINNESOTA: On January 11, Carlos Correa signed a six-year guaranteed contract through the 2028 season...the deal includes four team options covering the 2029 through 2032 campaigns, each of which can automatically vest based on performance in the previous season...the 28-year-old hit .291 (152-for-522) with 24 doubles, one triple, 22 home runs, 64 RBI, 70 runs scored, 61 walks, a .366 on-base percentage and an .834 OPS in 136 games for the Twins last season...he led all MLB shortstops in OPS (.834), while ranking second among that same group in slugging percentage (.467) and on-base percentage (.366), and third in batting average (.291) and RC/27 (5.84)...Correa also hit .310 (79-for-255) with an .880 OPS in 67 home games, the sixth-highest home average in the AL and 10th best in baseball; it was also the eighth-best home average in Target Field history (since 2010)...after the season, Correa was named winner of the Most Valuable Twin Award, the Bob Allison Award for leadership, the Jim Kaat Award as Twins Defensive Player of the Year, the Mike Augustin "Media Good Guy" Award and the Carl R. Pohlad Outstanding Community Service Award.

ALLOW ME TO RE-INTRODUCE MYSELF: The Twins open the 2023 season with 15 players on their 26-man roster who were not on the 2022 Opening Day roster: pitchers (7) - Griffin Jax, Jorge López, Pablo López, Kenta Maeda, Tyler Mahle, Jovani Moran and Cole Sands; catcher (1) - Christian Vázquez; infielders (4) - Willi Castro, Kyle Farmer, Jose Miranda and Donovan Solano; and outfielders (3) - Joey Gallo, Trevor Larnach and Michael A. Taylor...of the 26 players on the Twins' active roster, nine began their professional careers in the Twins organization...nobody is looking to make a major league debut...the oldest player on the club is Caleb Thielbar (36 years, 1 month, 24 days) and the youngest is Jose Miranda (24 years, 9 months, 1 day).

STREAKS

Table listing streaks: Current Streak, Last 5 games, Last 10 games, Last 15 games, Last 20 games.

TWINS VS. ROYALS

Table listing record vs. Royals: 2022 Record, Current Streak, 2022 at Home, 2022 at Kansas City, Under Baldelli (since '19), Under Baldelli at Kauffman, All-Time Record, All-Time at Home, All-Time at Kansas City.

2022 Game Logs:

Table listing 2022 game logs with columns: Date, Site, Score, Winner/Loser/Save. Rows for games from 4/19 to 9/22.

OPENING DAY STARTERS SINCE 2005

Table listing opening day starters from 2005 to 2022 with columns: Year, Name.

I PLAY RIGHTFIELD

Table listing right fielders: TWINS OD STARTS IN RF (SINCE 1961), Tony Oliva (1964-71), Max Kepler (2017-22), Tom Brunansky (1983-88), Matt Lawton (1996-2001), Michael Cuddyer (2007-11).

RECENT TRANSACTIONS

Table listing recent transactions: 3/30 UTL Castro contract selected, OF Celestino placed on 10-day IL, RHP Henriquez placed on 15-day IL, OF/1B Kirilloff placed on 10-day IL, IF Polanco placed on 10-day IL, RHP Winder placed on 15-day IL, 3/28 C Wolters reassigned to ml camp, RHP Hoffman granted release, 3/26 RHP Ober optioned to AAA, LHP Coulombe reassigned to ml camp, OF Garlick reassigned to ml camp, RHP Sanchez reassigned to ml camp, 3/25 RHP De León reassigned to ml camp, RHP Hoffman reassigned to ml camp, 3/23 C Bañuelos reassigned to ml camp, C Greiner reassigned to ml camp, OF LaMarre reassigned to ml camp, RHP Ortega reassigned to ml camp, IF Soto reassigned to ml camp, IF White reassigned to ml camp, 3/22 IF Bechtold reassigned to ml camp, C Camargo reassigned to ml camp, OF Contreras reassigned to ml camp, RHP Dobnak reassigned to ml camp, RHP Stewart reassigned to ml camp.

TWINS PRESSBOX.COM

Get the latest Twins Game Notes, Roster, Stat Packs, Clips, Press Releases, 2023 Media Guide as well as other team related information at: www.twinspressbox.com

UPCOMING MILESTONES

Table listing upcoming milestones for players: Rocco Baldelli (288 managerial wins), Byron Buxton (98 home runs), Max Kepler (129 home runs), Pablo López (489 strikeouts), Michael A. Taylor (95 stolen bases).

TEAM BULLPEN NOTES

In 2022, went 34-35, 3.84 ERA (654.1 IP, 279 ER) w/ 243 BB & 675 K, including 28 SV in 54 opps...675 K's & 654.1 IP were most in club history...28 SVs were tied for fewest in MLB w/ Washington.

JORGE ALCALA - RHP #66

Height: 6-3 Weight: 203 Age: 27 (7/28/95 in Bajos De Haina, DR) Acquired: Trade with HOU, 7/27/18

Roadtrip: 0-0-0, 0.00 (0.0 IP, 0 ER), 0 K, 0 BB Series at KC: 0-0-0, 0.00 (0.0 IP, 0 ER), 0 K, 0 BB vs. Left .000 vs. Right .000
Posted 1.86 ERA (9.2 IP, 2 ER) w/ 5 BB, 13 K, .125 BAA in 8 spring games...2023 marks 3rd career OD roster ('21 & '22).

RECENT APPEARANCES

Table with columns: DATE, DEC, IP, H, R, ER, HR, BB, SO. Looking to make season debut.

JHOAN DURAN - RHP #59

Height: 6-5 Weight: 259 Age: 25 (1/8/98 in Esperanza, DR) Acquired: Trade with ARI, 7/27/18

Roadtrip: 0-0-0, 0.00 (0.0 IP, 0 ER), 0 K, 0 BB Series at KC: 0-0-0, 0.00 (0.0 IP, 0 ER), 0 K, 0 BB vs. Left .000 vs. Right .000
Went 1-0, 0.00 ERA (7.0 IP, 0 ER) w/ 3 BB, 8 K, .130 BAA in 7 spring games...2023 marks 2nd career OD roster ('22).

RECENT APPEARANCES

Table with columns: DATE, DEC, IP, H, R, ER, HR, BB, SO. Looking to make season debut.

GRIFFIN JAX - RHP #22

Height: 6-1 Weight: 195 Age: 28 (11/22/94 in Phoenix, AZ) Acquired: 3rd RD, 2016 Draft

Roadtrip: 0-0-0, 0.00 (0.0 IP, 0 ER), 0 K, 0 BB Series at KC: 0-0-0, 0.00 (0.0 IP, 0 ER), 0 K, 0 BB vs. Left .000 vs. Right .000
Tossed 7.0 scoreless innings (1 H) w/ 2 BB, 12 K & a .050 BAA in 7 spring games...2023 marks 1st career OD roster...in 2022, optioned from MIN

RECENT APPEARANCES

Table with columns: DATE, DEC, IP, H, R, ER, HR, BB, SO. Looking to make season debut.

JORGE LÓPEZ - RHP #48

Height: 6-4 Weight: 206 Age: 30 (2/10/93 in Caguas, PR) Acquired: Trade with BAL, 8/2/22

Roadtrip: 0-0-0, 0.00 (0.0 IP, 0 ER), 0 K, 0 BB Series at KC: 0-0-0, 0.00 (0.0 IP, 0 ER), 0 K, 0 BB vs. Left .000 vs. Right .000
Tossed 5.0 scoreless IP (4 H) w/ 1 HLD, 2 BB, 6 K & a .222 BAA in 5 spring games...pitched for Puerto Rico in WBC (3 G, 3.0 IP, 2 H, 0 R, 0 BB, 4 K).

RECENT APPEARANCES

Table with columns: DATE, DEC, IP, H, R, ER, HR, BB, SO. Looking to make season debut.

JOVANI MORAN - LHP #71

Height: 6-1 Weight: 199 Age: 25 (4/24/97 in Mayaguez, PR) Acquired: 7th RD, 2015 Draft

Roadtrip: 0-0-0, 0.00 (0.0 IP, 0 ER), 0 K, 0 BB Series at KC: 0-0-0, 0.00 (0.0 IP, 0 ER), 0 K, 0 BB vs. Left .000 vs. Right .000
Tossed 5.0 scoreless innings (1 H) w/ 4 BB, 5 K & a .071 BAA in 5 spring games...2023 marks 1st career OD roster.

RECENT APPEARANCES

Table with columns: DATE, DEC, IP, H, R, ER, HR, BB, SO. Looking to make season debut.

EMILIO PAGÁN - RHP #15

Height: 6-3 Weight: 216 Age: 31 (5/7/91 in Simpsonville, SC) Acquired: Trade with SD, 4/7/22

Roadtrip: 0-0-0, 0.00 (0.0 IP, 0 ER), 0 K, 0 BB Series at KC: 0-0-0, 0.00 (0.0 IP, 0 ER), 0 K, 0 BB vs. Left .000 vs. Right .000
Went 0-0, 9.00 ERA (3.0 IP, 3 ER) w/ 2 BB & 2 K in 2 spring games...1 app in WBC for Puerto Rico, pitching 1.0 scoreless IP w/ 1 BB & 1 K.

RECENT APPEARANCES

Table with columns: DATE, DEC, IP, H, R, ER, HR, BB, SO. Looking to make season debut.

COLE SANDS - RHP #77

Height: 6-3 Weight: 226 Age: 25 (7/17/1997 in Tallahassee, FL) Acquired: 5th RD, 2018 Draft

Roadtrip: 0-0-0, 0.00 (0.0 IP, 0 ER), 0 K, 0 BB Series at KC: 0-0-0, 0.00 (0.0 IP, 0 ER), 0 K, 0 BB vs. Left .000 vs. Right .000
Went 1-0, 5.25 ERA (12.0 IP, 7 ER) w/ 6 BB & 14 K in 8 spring games...named to 1st career Opening Day roster.

RECENT APPEARANCES

Table with columns: DATE, DEC, IP, H, R, ER, HR, BB, SO. Looking to make season debut.

CALEB THIELBAR - LHP #56

Height: 6-0 Weight: 216 Age: 36 (1/31/87 in Northfield, MN) Acquired: Minor league free agent, 11/29/19

Roadtrip: 0-0-0, 0.00 (0.0 IP, 0 ER), 0 K, 0 BB Series at KC: 0-0-0, 0.00 (0.0 IP, 0 ER), 0 K, 0 BB vs. Left .000 vs. Right .000
Went 1-0, 1.59 ERA (5.2 IP, 1 ER) w/ 1 BB & 6 K in 6 spring games...2023 marks 4th career OD roster ('14, '21 & '22).

RECENT APPEARANCES

Table with columns: DATE, DEC, IP, H, R, ER, HR, BB, SO. Looking to make season debut.

2023 BULLPEN INFO

Table with columns: Player name, 1st Batter Avg, BB/9, K/9, Saves/Opps, Holds, IRS%, WHIP, HR, Last game, 2 games ago, 3 games ago.

MISC. HIGHS AND LOWS

Table listing various team and individual statistics such as Most Runs, Most Hits, Longest Hitting Streak, etc.

SCORE BY INNING

Score by Inning table showing runs scored by both teams across 9 innings and extra innings.

INJURED LIST

Table listing injured players, their injuries, dates on and off the roster, and games missed.

LONGEST HOME RUNS

HIGHEST EXIT VELOCITY

Empty table boxes for longest home runs and highest exit velocity.

STARTS BY POSITION

Table showing the number of starts for each player at various positions (C, 1B, 2B, etc.).

STARTS BY BATTING ORDER

Table showing the number of starts for each player at various batting orders (1, 2, 3, etc.).

MOST USED LINEUP

Table showing the most used lineup for each position (Player and Pos.).

OUTFIELD ASSISTS

Table showing the number of outfield assists for each player.

LAST TIME IT HAPPENED

FOR THE TWINS

Text detailing various hitting and pitching milestones for the Twins, including hit for the cycle, grand slams, and consecutive home runs.

AGAINST THE TWINS

Text detailing various hitting and pitching milestones against the Twins, including hit for the cycle, grand slams, and consecutive home runs.

2023 TARGET FIELD WEATHER DELAYS AND POSTPONEMENTS

Table showing historical weather delay and postponement statistics for the years 2010 through 2023.



Table with columns: Date, Opp., Score, W/L Rcd., Pos., GA/GB, Daily Att, Total Hm Att, Home Date, Winner/Loser/Save. Rows include MARCH/APRIL, MAY, and JULY.

Table with columns: Date, Opp., Score, W/L Rcd., Pos., GA/GB, Daily Att, Total Hm Att, Home Date, Winner/Loser/Save. Rows include JULY, AUGUST, and SEPT/OCT.

^ - Denotes Extra-Innings (Twins are 0-0 in extras in 2023)
* - Denotes Sellout (0 in 2023)



2023 WALK-OFF VICTORIES

Table with columns: DATE, SCORE, NOTES. Content: None

2023 PLAYERS ON ROSTER (26)

Table listing Pitchers (13) and Positions Players (13) with names and positions.

(* - on Opening Day roster)